

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship – Third Sunday After Pentecost**

June 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rosemary Sprague

Moment with Young Disciples: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 86

Give ear to my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry.

**In the day of trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.**

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and glorify your name.**

**Prayer of Adoration** To you, O Lord, we lift our souls; to you we offer our lives. For you are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love. In heaven, on earth, there is none like you. Your works are beyond compare. You work wonders! You alone are God. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

“There Is Now a New Creation”

*Glory to God #774*

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.

Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.

Come and join the celebration; come and join the happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

**Call to Confession** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In faith, let us approach God’s throne of grace.

**Prayer of Confession** “Do not fear,” **you tell us, Lord. But we recoil from threats to our comfort, not trusting your promise to care for us.** “Take up the cross,” **you tell us. But we live as though death still holds dominion, and refuse to take risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to live with you and for you. Make us worthy to bear the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness** Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun! Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer for Illumination** Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Passage** Genesis 21:8 – 21

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Moment with Young Disciples**

**New Testament Passage** Romans 6:1b – 11

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “The Gospel Is No Fata Morgana!” Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Affirmation of Faith** Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.07

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the people of the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Call to Offering** Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** Gracious God, accept these offerings as a sign of our thankfulness. May you bless everyone in our church so that our lives may reflect your generosity and we may be a blessing to our neighbors. We ask this through Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Dedication** “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” *Glory to God* #718

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ’s strength, and calmly every danger brave: it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o’er the grave.

## **Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction**

## Announcements

Sunday, June 21, 2020

**Worship Services Online:** The Session, at its June meeting, decided to continue to observe Sunday worship services online until further notice. Guidance from our PC(USA) denominational offices and state government officials urges the suspension of all congregational and public gatherings in our church facilities in order to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Please join us for the worship video premiere on YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1\\_fzePSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1_fzePSg) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. A link to worship is posted on FACEBOOK First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Tennessee and on the church's website <https://www.springfieldpres.org/>.

**Donations Needed!** Cereal and canned goods are desperately needed right now for those in need. If you would like to donate, please contact Ross Thomas (615) 772-4870 or [rhtcons@gmail.com](mailto:rhtcons@gmail.com) so that he may open the doors to the church for drop off.

**Mission Opportunities:** Please contact Ross or Linda Thomas for drop off information.

Loose Change for The Master's Table

Plastic Bags for Meals on Wheels

Targeted Food Items for May: Boxed Cereal and Canned Vegetables

**Adult Sunday School:** Today, June 21, at 9:45 a.m. we begin an adult Sunday school class on *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie J. Thompson. Pastor Rosanna will lead the class via Zoom. Order the book here <https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664239242/soul-feast-newly-revised-edition.aspx>. Here is the link to the class <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86415059778>

Email Pastor Rosanna [rosanna@pastorrosanna.net](mailto:rosanna@pastorrosanna.net) for the password.

*Please look over our **Prayer List** and if someone needs to be added, notify the church office at [1stprez@bellsouth.net](mailto:1stprez@bellsouth.net). Please provide an address for those who are not members of the church so that we may send them a prayer card.*

May we keep in our prayers all the individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

“God will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”  
Revelation 21:3b-4

Linda Alldredge	Alison Barnwell	Dale Boyter	Ethelene Burnett	Louis Burnett
Kyle Craighead	Shelby Hollis	Family of Mickey Hyde	Family of Michelle Lamb	
Rush Limbaugh	Anne Looney	Betty Murphey	Jerry Stuard	Gail York